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Pennsylvania Small Grain Production

HARRISBURG, PA, July 9, 2010 -- Based on crop conditions as of July 1, **Pennsylvania's** 2010 production of barley and oats is expected to be higher than in 2009 by approximately 400,000 bushels each. Winter wheat is expected to be up 2 percent from June but down 3 percent from 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Barley production in Pennsylvania is up 14 percent from last year's harvested acres, while expected yield average rose 2 bushels from last year. Rounding out with production, forecast at 3.9 million bushels, up 15 percent from the 2009 year. In the United States, 2010 barley harvested acres dropped 567,000 acres to 2.5 million acres from 2009. The expected yield also dropped to 71.6 bushels, down 1.4 bushels from last year's numbers. The total production for this crop on July 1 is 1.82 million bushels down 20 percent from last year at this time.

Oat yields for July 1, are unchanged from last year at this time. Yet production has increased 6 percent from 4.9 million bushels in 2009 to 5.2 million. The area harvested is anticipated at 85,000 acres, also up 6 percent from 2009. Oat yield in the United States is expected at 66.7 bushels as of July 1, down 0.8 from last year. The area harvested for oats is at 1.32 million for 2010, down from last year's 1.38 million. Production is forecast at 87.7 million bushels which is 5.4 million bushels less than the 2009 report of 93.1 million.

Winter wheat production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 9.5 million bushels, down 345,000 bushels from last year's production. Farmers expect to harvest 155,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year. Expected average yield as of July 1 was 61.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the yield of June 1, 2010 and up 5 bushels from 2009. While the United States winter wheat production for 2010 is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 30 million bushels from June 1, down 17.2 million from the last year's report. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.1 million acres, up 285,000 acres from June 1. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and 2.7 bushels more than last year.

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